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### **Leicester set to benefit from new alcohol and drug support programme**

People in Leicester who need health and social care support to deal with alcohol and drug issues are set to benefit from a new service provided by a partnership led by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT).

The new service, funded by Leicester City Council, called Leicester Recovery Partnership is set to get underway on 1 July 2013 in partnership with Phoenix Futures and Reaching People.

The Leicester Recovery Partnership is an innovative, recovery-focussed partnership whose core aim is to promote, encourage and engage service users into recovery, providing opportunities to make positive, sustainable changes in their lives.

Leicestershire Partnership Trust will provide the clinical elements and enhanced interventions of the service by utilising their considerable skills and expertise gained over many years of delivering alcohol and drug services.

Phoenix Futures have many years' experience of delivering substance misuse services. They will be running the Widening Horizons day service and coordinating recovery focused care in the neighbourhood teams. Reaching People, a consortium of 24 local voluntary sector organisations, will provide advice and guidance to service users mainly on housing, money, benefits, education and employment; and building local recovery networks.

Sue Noyes, acting chief executive of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, said: "Our City Alcohol and Drugs service have been delivering high quality drugs and alcohol services in the city for the last 30 years. We are looking forward to enhancing the services we offer through this exciting development. Our new partners bring huge experience and will complement our health and social care expertise to deliver a truly integrated approach.

Karen Biggs, Phoenix Futures chief executive, said: “We are delighted to be partnering with both the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and the organisations that make up Reaching People. Working together as the Leicester Recovery Partnership will give each organisation the opportunity to share differing skills and experiences, which I believe, will put us in an ideal position to meet the increasingly complex needs of our local communities”

Rob Parkinson, vice chair, Reaching People said: “Reaching People is delighted to be part of the Leicester Recovery Partnership. We’re looking forward to working with our recovery partners to further strengthen substance misuse services in the city and to increase opportunities for service users to get involved in the local community and make a success of their futures.”

A fuller briefing for service users and stakeholders is available to [download here](#)

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £294 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk)

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